

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~(40)~~ for controlling an apparatus having an emergency alert function, comprising:
detecting a condition indicating relocation of said apparatus after a power interruption to said apparatus ~~(44)~~; and
enabling a predetermined output associated with said emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition ~~(46)~~.
2. (currently amended) The method ~~(40)~~ of claim 1, further comprised of enabling a user to provide updated information associated with said emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition ~~(41)~~.
3. (currently amended) The method ~~(40)~~ of claim 2, wherein said updated information includes a FIPS location code.
4. (currently amended) The method ~~(40)~~ of claim 2, wherein said updated information includes a type of emergency event.
5. (currently amended) The method ~~(40)~~ of claim 1, wherein detecting said condition includes detecting a duration of said power interruption.
6. (currently amended) The method ~~(40)~~ of claim 5, wherein said condition is detected if said duration exceeds a predetermined time period.
7. (currently amended) The method ~~(40)~~ of claim 5, wherein said duration is detected using a vertical blanking interval of a television signal.

8. (currently amended) The method ~~(40)~~ of claim 5, wherein detecting said condition further includes detecting signal strength on a previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

9. (currently amended) The method ~~(40)~~ of claim 1, wherein detecting said condition includes detecting signal strength on a first previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

10. (currently amended) The method ~~(40)~~ of claim 9, wherein:
said first previously identified frequency channel has previously exhibited higher signal strength relative to a second previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function; and
said condition is detected if said second previously identified frequency channel exhibits higher signal strength relative to said first previously identified frequency channel.

11. (currently amended) An apparatus ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:
tuning means ~~(22)~~ for tuning signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; and
processing means ~~(27)~~ for detecting a condition indicating relocation of said apparatus after a power interruption to said apparatus, and for enabling a predetermined output associated with said emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition.

12. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 11, wherein said processing means ~~(27)~~ further enables a user to provide updated information associated with said emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 12, wherein said updated information includes a FIPS location code.

14. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 12, wherein said updated information includes a type of emergency event.

15. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 11, wherein said processing means ~~(27)~~ detects said condition based on a duration of said power interruption.

16. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 15, wherein said processing means ~~(27)~~ detects said condition if said duration exceeds a predetermined time period.

17. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 15, wherein said processing means ~~(27)~~ detects said duration based on a vertical blanking interval of a television signal.

18. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 15, wherein said processing means ~~(27)~~ detects said condition based on signal strength on a previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

19. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 11, wherein said processing means ~~(27)~~ detects said condition based on signal strength on a first previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

20. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 19, wherein:
said first previously identified frequency channel has previously exhibited higher signal strength relative to a second previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function; and
said processing means ~~(27)~~ detects said condition if said second previously identified frequency channel exhibits higher signal strength relative to said first previously identified frequency channel.

21. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a tuner ~~(22)~~ operative to tune signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; and

a processor ~~(27)~~ operative to detect a condition indicating relocation of said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ after a power interruption to said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~, and to enable a predetermined output associated with said emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition.

22. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 21, wherein said processor ~~(27)~~ is further operative to enable a user to provide updated information associated with said emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition.

23. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 22, wherein said updated information includes a FIPS location code.

24. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 22, wherein said updated information includes a type of emergency event.

25. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 21, wherein said processor ~~(27)~~ detects said condition based on a duration of said power interruption.

26. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 25, wherein said processor ~~(27)~~ detects said condition if said duration exceeds a predetermined time period.

27. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 25, wherein said processor ~~(27)~~ detects said duration based on a vertical blanking interval of a television signal.

28. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 25, wherein said processor ~~(27)~~ detects said condition based on signal strength on a previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

29. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 21, wherein said processor ~~(27)~~ detects said condition based on signal strength on a first previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

30. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 29, wherein:

said first previously identified frequency channel has previously exhibited higher signal strength relative to a second previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function; and

said processor ~~(27)~~ detects said condition if said second previously identified frequency channel exhibits higher signal strength relative to said first previously identified frequency channel.